

Bowerham Update



Bowerham Primary & Nursery School & Baby Unit

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Open day

We're excited to invite prospective parents to our **Open Day** on **Monday 28th September, from 3.30–5.30pm.**

This will be a relaxed *drop-in session*, giving families the chance to see our school, meet our team, and learn more about what we offer. It is also an opportunity for you to see your child's new classroom (apart from years 3 and 4 as these will be used by Kids' Club).

Please help us spread the word by sharing this invitation with family and friends who may be interested.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Applying for School Places for September 2027

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

(Please note there will be no paper application forms sent out) It is quick and easy – and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school. The closing dates for applications for September 2026 are 11.59pm on:

- 31 October 2026 for Secondary school applications
- 15 January 2027 for Primary school applications

Working Together with Our Local Community and Families

We would like to make greater use of the wonderful knowledge, skills, experiences and connections within our local community, particularly among our families. We believe that involving parents and family members can enrich our curriculum and provide our children with exciting, meaningful and real-life learning opportunities.

To help us understand the expertise and interests within our school community, we would like to create a **Family Skills and Community Directory**. We will be asking families to complete a short survey sharing information about their **jobs and careers, hobbies, interests, skills, experiences and areas of expertise**.

This might include anything from healthcare, engineering, construction, art, music and sport to cooking, gardening, travel, technology, languages, crafts or other special interests and experiences.

With your permission, we may contact you if your knowledge or experience could support a particular area of our curriculum or enhance children's learning. This could be through visiting school, speaking to a class, sharing an experience or skill, providing a demonstration, answering questions, or supporting a specific project.

There is **no obligation to take part or to volunteer**. We simply want to build an overview of the wonderful skills and experiences within our families so that, when appropriate, we can make meaningful connections between our curriculum and our wider community.

Together, we can help bring learning to life and show children how the knowledge and skills they develop in school connect to the real world around them.

If you can help in any way in the meantime, please contact Mrs Hemingway on:

lhemingway@bowerham.lancs.sch.uk

Online Safety

Please look at our Online Safety Newsletters and other valuable advice / tips:

[Online Safety - Bowerham School](#)

Flu Immunisation

We now have a date for the flu immunisations for children from Reception to Year 6. These will take place in school the morning of **Monday 12th October**. More information and how to consent can be found [YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION - Bowerham School](#)

Co-opted Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Co-opted governor. We are looking for someone with HR experience. A school governor is a volunteer who helps to oversee the management and strategic direction of a school. Governors play an important role in making sure schools are well-run and provide the best possible education for their pupils. Application forms can be sent to

Misbah Ashraf vicechair@bowerham.lancs.sch.uk

Parent Governor

We also have two vacancies for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in any of our Governor positions, please use the link below for application/nomination forms.

[Our Governors - Bowerham School](#)

Year 1–6 Teams Appointments

We will be holding parent/teacher teams appointments this half term; please see link below to our letters & forms section of our school website to view your child's class letter:

[Letters and Forms - Bowerham School](#)

More information will be sent out shortly regarding our Baby Unit, Nursery & Reception Settling in Meetings.

Photos

Our school photographer is in school on Tuesday 29th September to take individual & sibling photographs. All children must come to school in full school uniform (black leggings/jogging bottoms), not their PE wear. Due to logistics and the business of school, we are asking parents who require sibling photographs to take their children to the Sports Hall between 8.00-9.00am as school cannot guarantee we will have time to facilitate this at the end of the photography session. This will also give you the opportunity to ensure your child's hair is pristine and the photograph is how you would like it to look – ready for Christmas presents! Any child who is late to school as a result will not be marked as such.

Bowerham School Foundation

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to Bowerham School Foundation so far- whether by Paypal Giving Fund, Easyfundraising or direct to the charity bank account. We have been unable to thank some donors personally due to lack of contact details, so we hope that the message of appreciation will at least reach them through this update.

If you haven't yet registered, please consider signing up to help us raise more: over 8,000 retailers donate to Bowerham School Foundation at no extra cost to you when you make a purchase online. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=372191&invite=x09lbe&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link

Community Noticeboard

Don't forget to look at our Community Noticeboard – this is where we put links to interesting clubs, fun things to do and local events happening outside of school.

[Community Noticeboard - Bowerham School](#)